

BILLY SUNDAY IN BAD

Allows His Prohibition Enthusiasm To Slop Over
INSULTS THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE

Insults Every Voter Who Does Not
Agree With Him

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To Charity If Sunday Can Make Good

In his prohibition talk at the Court theatre Monday night, Billy Sunday charged that the newspapers of West Virginia were bought up by the liquor interests. If Billy Sunday can prove that assertion, so far as the Wheeling Register is concerned, it will give \$1,000 to the charitable institutions of the city.—Wheeling Register

"BILLY" SUNDAY'S BREAKS.

While some of the most ardent temperance advocates are the most intemperate in speech, it is seldom that even the most radical champion of prohibition will permit his zeal to carry him to the point of making such reckless, untruthful and shamefully insulting remarks as were contained in the Rev. "Billy" Sunday's address in the Court theatre last night, in behalf of the "drys."

It is difficult for a rational person to understand the narrowness of a preacher of the gospel who will say, as Sunday said: "Every man in West Virginia who votes against ratification of the amendment deserves to have his boy die a drunkard, and his daughter to live in the arms of a rum-soaked wretch during the remainder of her life."

This is the limit of intolerance. It is fanaticism. It is prohibition madness. There are men whose lives are as clean as "Billy" Sunday's, and whose motives and purposes are as pure, who intend to vote against ratification of the amendment. They regard prohibition as more harmful than helpful, and they do not believe that they would benefit either themselves or the communities in which they live by voting for ratification. Sunday says the fate they deserve, even though they may vote as conscientiously as Sunday would vote on the other side, is to have their sons die drunkards and their daughters to be forced to spend their lives in the arms of "rum-soaked wretches."

"Every man who votes for the saloon deserves to have his boy die a drunkard, deserves to have his girl live in the arms of a whiskey-soaked, rum-soaked wretch, all the days of her life."—Billy Sunday.

The evangelist, with a spectacular and acrobatic flourish, "dared" the newspapers to print that remark. While it would no doubt be better for the cause for which Mr. Sunday spoke if they did not print it, his "dare" and his subsequent charge that the newspapers of West Virginia are bought up by the liquor interests, disclose a sudden change in the attitude of the baseball evangelist toward the press. When "Billy" Sunday was conducting his soul-saving campaign in Wheeling, he found no reason to be dissatisfied with the newspapers, and he never considered it necessary to even intimate that they would not print anything he said. He found nothing about them to criticize; on the contrary he frequently praised them. They were, indeed, very useful to him at that time.

When "Billy" Sunday said the newspapers of this state have been bought up by the liquor interests, he probably meant only the newspapers which are opposing ratification, although he did not say so. Be that as it may, his charge was reckless and untruthful, and as it was made without investigation and wholly without knowledge of the facts, we feel justified in saying that his misrepresentation was willful. "Billy" Sunday should not have made such a charge unless he is prepared to substantiate it, and the Register will give him an opportunity to do so. If he can prove his assertion, as far as the Register is concerned, this paper stands ready to forfeit \$1,000 to Wheeling charities. There is little room for doubt that the mindless, brutal and intemperate remarks of "Billy" Sunday will lose several thousand votes to the ratification forces.

Vote Against Prohibition--Mark Your Ballot in the Following Manner

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| X | Against Ratification of Prohibition Amendment |
| Taxpayers' Protective Association of West Virginia. | |